MUSCULAR AMATEURS BUSY EVERYWHERE.

Many Indoor Meetings Afford the Cracks Ample Training for the Outdoor Season.

BOWLING EXPERTS ACTIVE

Boxers Still Wearing Gloves and Marksmen Shooting with Deadly Aim.

WHAT THE BIG CLUBS ARE DOING.



ARNESTLY and conscientiously have the athletes m trained during the past week. The armories and gymnasiums have been fully tested by runners and jumpers who are getting into trim for coming outdoor events. The boxers have also held the public, and they have a

number of chances yet to display their skill. Bowling still abounds in every nook and corner of the metropolitan district, and the coming HERALD tournament is exciting tremendous interest. Experts with rife and gun are still making the lives of pigeons miserable and are ever rolling up high scores. The rowing season bids fair to be a busy one, as the various boat clubs are already laying plans for the summer regattss. The Manhattan and New York athletic clubs are busily engaged just now in all kinds of indoor entertainments The sportive amsteur has plenty to do.

ATHLETIC FIXTURES.

January 28-Boston A.A. invitation boxing. January 31-Rayonswood B.C., boxing. January 31-University of Pennsylvania winter meet bruary 7-New York A.C. boxing. bruary 7-Seventy-first Regiment indoor games, bruary 11-Nantius B.C. open games, bruary 14-Boston A.A. and First Regiment open

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James 19—Olympic A.C., San Francisco, open amaymnastic tournament.

James 20—Mehican A.C. boxing.

James 21—Brooklyn A.C. boxing.

James 22—Boston A.A. invitation boxing.

James 23—New York A.C. boxing.

Later 24—Roston A.A. gymnastic events.

Later 25—A.C. and Company A. Forty-seventh regioning games at armory.

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MERCURY FOOT PRINTS. MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB HAVE PLENTY TO AMUSE THEM.

Kerwin will captain and pitch for the club's hall team. Jack Thombin's book on training is a hardy thing for very club and gymnasium instructor to have on band.

The objections raised by the Manhattan and Staten Island attlistic clubs over the club's new lacrosse players were prompted by justicusy, so the Mercury Footmen say.

The Athletic Committee is hard at work preparing for the coming outdoor season. Various improvements at Travar's Island will be made this year for the benefit of the club's athletes.

ANTAGONIZING TENPINS.

BLOWS THAT CLEVER AMATRUBS CAN DELIVER WITH SKILL AND EFFECT.

defeated Jack Van Houten, and C. Carney, of the l'astimo

tion his club will make no mistake, and his work with
the pine, as well as his odd way of coaching, will do the
tans much good.

Now that President Messersehmidt is again at home,
some brilliant secres may reach he lanked for from the control of the control of

WORK WITH RIPLE AND GUN. GOOD SHOTS COMPETING FOR PRIZES AT TRAP

Many of the Forty-third reciment's crack marksmen have entered the individual rills match that will be decided at the armory range on February I.

Coppersmith and Rock, the crack pistol shots of Newark, will soon shoot at match with the two leading members of the New York Pistol and Revolver Club.

NEW HANDS TO HOLD THE REINS. THE RECENTLY BLECTED OFFICERS OF THE DRIV-ING CLUB OF NEW YORK.



thamite, and if when he reaches man's estate he finds himself well supplied with the goods of this world his first move toward decreasing his not It has come to pass that New York is the chief home of trotters throughout the world. On the boulevards, the upper avenues, the driveways

through the Park, the roads teading out of the metropolis, the fleet coadster holds daily mighty Men and women there are who prefer the saddle, but they are few as compared with those who seek the firm seat above the four whirling

The Driving Club of New York is a natural out-



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SOME GENTLEMEN WHO KNOW HOW TO FIGHT.

Boxing Only for Health, Yet Made Perfect by Practice.

TEACHERS WHO HAVE HARD LINES

Social Lights Who Manage to Keep Themselves in Excellent Physical Trim.

den in the Jansen one day last week when the tall, slender and elegant Chaphorn espied a set of boxing gloves on the wall. He promptly made over. tures to my stubby and thick armed friend Logan Downes. In twelve seconds they were standing before each other—hands up, eyes wary and feet dancing. The elegant Chaphorn made a graceful feint, and before he could draw back his hand



stubby Logan hit him in the ribs with a straight right arm punch that landed the elegant one in a heap on the bed in the next room. When Chap reincome is to secure and covered his breath and his feet he said:—"Oh, I to drive a trotter. Thus didn't mean that kind of boxing, you know. I meant to lead off and have you stop me, and then you lead off and I stop you."
"Never heard of that before," said Logan, apolo

getically. "Bill McClellan always told me to hit as hard as I knew how. Thought you would, too, y'know."

Chap is one sort of so-called boxer that flourishes in society. Of the other kind is the man who decorated Professor McClellan, of Wood's Gymnasium. Mae was nursing a lump as big as an egg back of his left car last week, and when I profered sympathy he simply smiled and said:-"Oh, that's all right. Dr. Bourne accidentally let go his right on me a few days ago. He didn't mean to hit me hard-just a little accident that will happen once in awhile." SWEET TEMPERED PUNCHERS.

The young men whose pictures adorn this and the next column are boxers in Dr. Bourne's style. They are all good natured and sweet tempered, but how they can punch!
They never box in tournaments, because their

friends would all cut them dead forever after if they did. To box in public is bad form—the very worst. They box for exercise and in order that good digestion may wait on appetite and health on both.

In the quiet boxing rooms of the New York Athletic Club or the Staten Island A.C., or in rooms set apart for the purpose in their own homes, they fight with their teachers four or five days a week in the cold season. I don't say they box, because that is too mild a word. Professor Mike Donovan, who teaches the New York A.C. men the tactics that made him middle weight champion of that made him middle weight champion of America for years, was complaining the other night of feeling tired-used up, in fact.

"But I should think teaching is such light, easy work," said I.

WHERE TEACHING IS NO SINECURE. "Easy?" he replied. "Teaching easy? Why, I have anywhere from two to five fights a day now. The ordinary run of lessons don't bother me, but there are a dozen or more of my pupils who fight me every time they put on the gloves. Do you know how I trained for that six round 'go' with



Dempsey? I simply quit work for two weeks and strolled around Central Park with my little children and let the fiesh grow on my bones. Fighting the sluggers among my pupils had brought me nearly ten pounds under weight.

And yet those sluggers are all men of gentle mien. You never hear them breathe a word about the ring. There is S. F. Church, N. A., whose wonderful animals and fairies are known all



render a good account of himself if he were est upon by half a dozen ordinary ruthans. He boxes only whon the weather is too disagreeable for riding or driving.

So, too, does Mi. Charles Coster, who is reckoned far and away the best middle weight in the New York Athletic Club. He is tall, blond and signder—that is, he looks slender when in ordinary attire. Arrayed for boxing he appears twenty pounds heavier. He hits as hard and as quickly as a flying bullet. He is cool, and a good general. He lever loses a chance to jab his loft into his adversary's face or deliver a right arm jolt when it is least expected. On the day after Professor Denovan hested Champion Dempsey in Brooklyn I saw a four round bout between Denovan and his punil. I had seen the fight on the preceding night, and it seemed to me that day that Mr. Coster made his teacher work harder than Dempsey did.

It was a pretty fight—bang! bang! all around the room, with first one and then the other smashed against the padded wall. Perhaps one or the other logt his temper the least bit in the third round. At all events, I never saw livelier rallies than they made. When both sat down, breathless and smiling, at the end of the fourth round, I felt that I had enjoyed a treat worth going many miles to see.

Mr. R. A. Center has been around the world more times than I can tell. He is a sailor who could handle anything from the Now Then to a clipper ship carrying three skysall yards aloft. His recoms are crowded with dainty brica-brac gathered from the four quarters of the globe. But the articles of vertu he prizes are four gloves that weigh three ounces apiece.

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Mr. James G. Motley is a light weight, but h



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INSURANCE DURING LIFE.

WHY MAY NOT ASSOCIATIONS USE THE METHODS OF OLD LINE INSURANCE COMPANIES? TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-

frauds and to inform the public of any imposition that may be played upon them is one of the reasons that your paper is a constant companion to I beg to refer to an article which appeared a few

The fact that you are always ready to expose

I bog to refer to an article which appeared a few days since relating to a society promising to pay \$700 in seven years at an expense of about \$150. It do not belong to it, nor am I interested in any like it, but beg to ask you a few questions in order that hundreds with me might be informed should my views on the subject be erromeous.

The Triennial Benefit League, a society incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, promises to pay \$400 in three years at an expense of about \$115. The following are the grounds upon which they base the soundness of their principles:—

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Pirat—The number of lapses which it is reasonable to suppose will occur, in like manner as in all old line insurance companies, without which the ister could not make the showing they do.

Second—The amount paid by each member (\$115) with the amount paid by the three succeeding members is quite sufficient to pay the claim—vir., \$400. There is not a member in the Royal Arcanum of the National Provident Union, of both of which I am a member, who expects to pay the amount to which their beneficiaries are entitled, for in my own case I would have to reach the age of 123 years in order to pay the amount of my insurance. Now, if it be possible for these organizations to pay the amount for which I hold certificates at the time of my decease, why is it not equally possible to receive it during life. If the soundness of the T. B. L. and similar organizations is doubtful, the laws under which they are organized should be repealed, for highway robbery would be a virtue as compared with the operation of our laws, working as they do to the injury of the poor, taking advantage of their confidence placed in law.

In answer to a letter received from Mr. Maxwell, Superintendent of Insurance, I received in reply the statement that the Triennial Benefit League was not under the historical laws.

CHESS PROBLEM.

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